#### **PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL**

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## Purpose of the report:

This report is to provide Performance, Finance and Customer Focus OSC with an update on the Community Safety Partnership, Safer Plymouth.

The report outlines current formation and governance of Safer Plymouth, including theme groups and priorities.

It also includes a commissioning update and the most recent crime stats to give members an understanding on current issues and trends.

## **Corporate Plan**

Safer Plymouth helps the City Council work within its four values especially we are Co-operative as a partnership supporting agencies to come together to support residents of the City.

Under Caring Plymouth, Safer supports a number of our priorities namely People feel safe in Plymouth, Keep Children, Young People and adults protected and A welcoming City. Safer does this through bringing together partners to look at themes and issues and to put actions in place to ensure that Plymouth is a safe place to live.

# Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land

No financial implications from this report. Safer does influence some commissioned services and does commission some external OPCC funding but is not directly responsible for PCC funding.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Safer Plymouth is the Community Safety Partnership for Plymouth. It sets the strategic direction for the partnership work between agencies in Plymouth. Following recommendations made to Safer Plymouth in September 2016, the Board now aligns its Governance structure with the Health and Wellbeing Board

Integrated commissioning receives funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner which is channelled through the Western Planning and Delivery Unit (Plymouth City Council and NEW Devon CCG integrated commissioning team) as a grant for spending on local crime prevention and reduction initiatives.

For 2018-19 Plymouth was awarded a total of £400,568 for the year. This was a standstill position on the previous year's award. All commissioning decisions were informed and influenced by the strategic leadership of Safer Plymouth.

#### 2. VISION

A city where people and communities feel safe and secure

#### 3. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Safer Plymouth sets out the statutory framework for responsible authorities to work with other local agencies and organisations to develop and implement strategies to manage threat, risk and harm in their area Safer Plymouth will ensure:

- It works to the principles of meeting National Standards ("Hallmarks") of: Empowered and Effective Leadership; Intelligence led business processes; Effective and responsive delivery of structures; Engaged Communities; and Visible and constructive accountability:
- There is appropriate representation on the group.
- There is effective sharing of information.
- The preparation of annual strategic assessments (local and Peninsula) to assist in producing or revising the partnership plan.
- · It informs integrated commissioning decisions
- It develops and monitors the Outcome Framework
- Views of Communities with regards to crime and disorder are considered
- A partnership plan to reduce threat, risk and harm is implemented
- They are cooperating with the Police and Crime Commissioner (P&CC) to tackle crime and disorder, having regard for the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan, responding to any request from the P&CC's for a report.

Safer Plymouth needs to remain flexible, and review these Terms of Reference in light of any new changes in legislation as and when required.

Safer Plymouth will ensure that it focuses on crime that causes the highest harm and affects the most vulnerable people and maintains a focus on victims.

Safer Plymouth recognise that there is often a balance to strike between communities' 'perception' of crime and the 'reality', and will ensure that there is meaningful and appropriate communication where this situation arises.

## 4. PRIORITIES AND THEMES

The Safer Plymouth board is supported by theme leads who operate and chair sub groups around their designated theme. The Sub groups contain specialists from a range of agencies across the City.

Themes are chosen based on the priorities selected from the strategic crime assessment carried out on a yearly basis. The current priorities and sub groups:

#### **5.1 MODERN SLAVERY**

#### Context

Modern Slavery (MS) & Human Trafficking (HT) are identified as emerging areas of risk within the local Strategic Assessment, and as a result are a strategic priority for the Police & Crime Commissioner, and Devon & Cornwall police in terms of preventing crime and protecting the vulnerable. As a theme MS is subject of an Organised Crime Local Profile (OCLP) where clear recommendations for more effective partnership responses are outlined. These priorities and recommendations underpin the work of the Safer Plymouth MS thematic delivery group that utilises a 4P (PREVENT, PROTECT, PREPARE, PURSUE) approach to tackling the theme

## **Purpose**

To prevent and protect vulnerable victims of crime, through an effective and connected partnership commitment to awareness raising, risk mapping, and proactive engagement and enforcement where MS is suspected.

## **Objectives:**

- To **PREVENT** MS by ensuring effective information sharing across the partnership and engaging local stakeholders to support multi-agency prevention and enforcement.
- To **PROTECT** people from MS by raising awareness across service providers, developing effective geographic risk mapping, and identifying training needs across the partnership.
- To PREPARE for MS cases by developing guidance to assist in identifying and responding to MS
  cases, and to ensure opportunities for effective, multi-agency, proactive, engagement and
  enforcement are considered.
- To **PURSUE** those responsible for MS by ensuring victims are identified and supported in line with the NRM, and perpetrators subject of joined-up multi-agency enforcement

#### **5.2 DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

#### Context

Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DA&SV) have been identified as an area of priority from the Safer Plymouth Strategic assessment, it is also a priority of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Domestic Abuse and Sexual violence currently accounts for 12% of all violent crime in the City

#### **Purpose**

To identify and protect victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence, their children and families through partnership working. To raise awareness of DA&SV and increase confidence in victims to report crimes and incidents. To investigate the efficacy of current national perpetrator programmes to establish one for the City

## **Objectives:**

- Services (public, private and voluntary) across Plymouth work together to respond to domestic
  abuse and sexual violence need. A mapping exercise is being undertaken currently to identify all
  the organisations in the City who are supporting victims and perpetrators of DA&SV to
  ascertain what is offered by the organisation and ensure there are shared outcomes, consistent
  terminology and identify the need in the City.
- The response to Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence across the City is accessible to all, through the identification of barriers and mitigating factors, the availability of services and operating hours. The group will determine reporting requirements for future services.
- Victims of Domestic Abuse and sexual violence have access to high quality services and support particularly with regard to workforce development. The learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews will be incorporated into the delivery plan to ensure lessons learnt are acted on.
- People know how to report domestic abuse and sexual violence in Plymouth and are confident to report domestic abuse and sexual violence in Plymouth. Understanding the signs and symptoms of DA&SV through training and awareness raising, building confidence to improve reporting of DA&SV and improving methods to report crimes and incidents.
- The response to domestic abuse and sexual violence across the City incorporates a 'whole family' approach. This ensures improved working and information sharing between statutory and non-statutory organisations particularly between adult and children's services. A Healthy relationships programme is delivered in schools consistently across the City to ensure all pupils receive the same guidance.

#### **5.3 PREVENT**

#### Context

The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 contains a duty on specified authorities to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. This is also known as the Prevent duty.

Prevent is one aspect of CONTEST, the Government's counter-terrorism strategy. There are two core elements to this strategy:

- To provide practical help to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they
  are given appropriate advice and support this is undertaken via the Channel process, chaired
  by Plymouth City Council, which is a multi-agency panel that meets monthly to provide support
  to those identified at risk of being drawn into terrorist or extremist activity.
- To promote collaborative working with a wide range of sectors (including education, criminal justice, faith, health and the voluntary sector) where there are risks of radicalisation this is undertaken through the Plymouth Prevent Partnership which meets on a quarterly basis and is aimed at supporting local partners and communities to share their experiences and discuss strategies for strengthening the city's response to preventing extremism

## **Purpose**

Prevent aims to 'safeguard people and communities from the threat of terrorism' via the Channel process and local Prevent Partnership.

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Specifically, the Channel process aims to identify individuals at risk of being drawn into terrorism and develop the most appropriate support plan for the individuals concerned, both through provision of mainstream services i.e. education, employment or housing and through mentoring support or diversionary activities.

The Prevent Partnership aims to support local communities and agencies to challenge and reject the message of extremism

## **Objectives:**

The 2017/18 areas of focus for the Plymouth Prevent Partnership were identified based on the Counter Terrorism Local Profile as well as local priorities, with the following outcomes:

- Increased awareness of the importance of Prevent across key partners in Plymouth.
- Increased accessibility to Prevent (WRAP) Training for frontline staff, with a specific focus on those working in the fields of mental health and autism.
- Strong and active relationships have been established with communities identified as most vulnerable / at risk of being drawn into terrorism, as well as with key partnerships such as Plymouth Safeguarding Boards and Safer Plymouth.
- Closer links have been established between Safeguarding and Channel processes

## **5.4 WELCOMING CITY**

#### Context

Plymouth seeks to deliver stronger, safer communities and good quality neighbourhoods as part of delivering its vision to become one of Europe's most vibrant waterfront cities where an outstanding quality of life is enjoyed by everyone.

The term 'community cohesion' is widely used to describe a state of harmony or tolerance between people from different backgrounds living within a community. The key measure of community cohesion is the percentage of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area. Currently available date indicates that community cohesion rates are poor across the City but not especially so amongst Black and Minority Ethnic Communities (BAME).

Whilst the majority (52.7%) of Plymouth residents agree that their local area is one where people from different ethnic backgrounds get on well together, there are variable levels of Community Cohesion across the city which need to be addressed.

## **Purpose**

The brief for a Welcoming City emerged in response to the following drivers:

- The Plymouth Plan The City will support strong and inclusive communities where people have a sense of belonging and ownership, feel safe and confident, with the opportunity to live, work and play in good quality sustainable neighbourhoods.
- **Safer Plymouth** Plymouth is proud to be a welcoming city and continues to monitor levels of community cohesion.
- Plymouth Fairness Commission (2014): Recommendation 42: The city engage in a consolidated effort to generate leadership on tackling discrimination in all its forms in the city, including; i. A city leadership workshop on discrimination, ii. A high profile public event

committing city leaders tackling all forms of discrimination, iii. Roll out of evidence based, age appropriate school based programmes to address discrimination

## **Objectives:**

If Plymouth is to fulfil its city vision of a 'vibrant waterfront city where an outstanding quality of life is enjoyed by everyone' we must continue to build our reputation as a welcoming, multicultural city where agencies and communities work together to promote the benefits of diversity and challenge unfair discrimination.

We aspire to be a fair city that supports strong and inclusive communities - where people have a sense of belonging and ownership, feel safe and confident, with the opportunity to live, work and play in good quality sustainable neighbourhoods.

We must work together to ensure that the needs of different communities of geography, identity and interest are respected, celebrated, and valued

#### 5.5 CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

#### Context

The Missing and Child Sexual Exploitation Group (MCSE) is appointed by the Plymouth Safeguarding Children Board (PSCB) and shall be made up of partner agencies of the Board

## **Purpose**

The purpose of MCSE is to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the strategic and operational multi-agency response to Missing Children and Child Sexual Exploitation across Plymouth together with modern slavery and human trafficking.

#### **Objectives**

The MCSE has been appointed to undertake the following functions of the PSCB:-

- ensuring that current practice and interventions are informed by an evidence base and linked and mapped to national policy and developments;
- ensuring the focus is on prevention as well as response;
- ensure multi-agency practice is regularly reviewed and evaluated;
- ensuring that current and future multi-agency policies and procedures are appropriately designed
  to be responsive in meeting the demand that CSE, modern day slavery and human trafficking
  poses within the local community and when necessary develop new policies and procedures, for
  safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children;
- ensure that there is clear data and evidence supporting effective responses to the risk to children and young people of CSE and Missing Children and modern slavery and human trafficking;
- ensure frontline practitioners are adequately trained in how to identify and respond;
- ensure that the public receive key messages;
- ensure links to other groups of the PSCB and its Peninsula Local Safeguarding Children Boards

#### 5.6 ALCOHOL HARM

#### Context

Alcohol misuse is a significant public health challenge; it affects thousands of individuals, families and communities across the country and costs the NHS an estimated £3.5 billion each year. There is a

clear defined link between life expectancy and alcohol abuse and its link to other forms of substance misuse.

The alcohol harm reduction group aims to ensure that the city remains a vibrant, welcoming place where the daytime and evening and night time economy is inclusive and welcoming to all. Significant work and collaboration in 2017 between the Police and the Evening and night time economy community, to improve our working relationship. Regular meetings are held in relation to current ongoing issues faced by both the Police and the community. The Best Bar None team have been recognised for their outstanding work in continuing to work to make the evening and night time economy area safer and inclusive for all, especially with the Ask Angela campaign.

The licensing team have relaunched the reducing the strength campaign aimed at supply of high strength alcohol to those with complex needs or are alcohol dependant.

#### **Purpose**

Within the ENTE arena, the group will focus on the viability of street safe scheme, night rangers and use of 3<sup>rd</sup> sector groups to ensure a safe and vibrant night out.

However, the group also needs to focus on reducing the impact of alcohol harm outside of the ENTE arena in order to understand and work to combat the binge drinking/preloading culture.

To look at the effect of alcohol harm in children and consider work that can be done in schools to encourage safe drinking.

To look at the effect of long term alcohol abuse and the relationship with alcohol in those members of the community with complex needs, in particular the rise in street drinkers and associated ASB and use of innovative initiatives to combat this.

## **Objectives**

- To reduce alcohol related violence (excluding domestic abuse)
- To minimise the harm of substance misuse and reduce alcohol related crime and reduce alcohol related demand in and around the ENTE areas of Plymouth (Mutley Plain, North Hill, City Centre, Barbican and the East End)
- To understand the role that alcohol abuse plays in individuals with complex needs.
- To contribute to a positive and inclusive day/night time economy
- Identify gaps in current working practices and seek good practice in other cities.
- Reduce the rate of alcohol attributable hospital admissions
- Reduce levels of harmful drinking by adults and young people
- Reduce anti-social behaviour
- · Reduce the number of children affected by parental alcohol misuse

#### **5.7 CYBER CRIME AND FRAUD**

#### Context

The annual cost of fraud in the UK is estimated to be around £196b. The average cost of cybercrime to a large UK business is £36,500 and to a small business it is £3100. Each year mass marketing mail scams, which often target vulnerable or disadvantaged consumers, cause approximately £3.5 billion worth of detriment to UK consumers. In Plymouth over 800 victims of scams have been identified. The average age of these victims is 72.

Doorstep crime and scams are identified as high priority areas in the Regional and Plymouth Trading Standards Strategic Assessments and in the Safer Plymouth Strategic Assessment as areas of concerning emerging crime

## **Purpose**

To raise awareness of cybercrime and fraud amongst the public, businesses and organisations in Plymouth. To ensure a joined-up approach to the detection and investigation of cybercrime and fraud and in relation to the support of victims.

## **Objectives:**

- To raise awareness of the crimes in Plymouth and inform potential victims on how to prevent it
- To bring together partner agencies and stakeholders to identify ways of working together to combat the crimes and better support victims. This includes improved sharing of intelligence and the training of relevant front-line workers
- To review the National Cyber Crime Strategy 2016-21 and other relevant guidance and ensure recommendations are implemented in Plymouth.
- To look at best practice examples nationally in relation to combatting fraud and cybercrime and assess whether they can be implemented locally.
- To review the implementation of the National Banking protocol and how it applies in Plymouth
- To develop a Doorstep Crime partnership with relevant agencies

#### **5.8 COUNTY LINES**

#### Context

County Lines, the term used to refer to the activity of dangerous drug networks. Section 34(5) of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 defines this gang-related drug dealing activity as: "the unlawful production, supply, importation or exportation of a controlled drug which occurs in the course of, or is otherwise related to, the activities of a group that: a) consists of at least 3 people; and b) has one or more characteristics that enable its members to be identified by others as a group".

A county lines gang features these additional criteria:

- The gang / gang members are based in or have their origin within an urban city location;
- They have established a market in a county town, into which they supply drugs;
- They utilise a mobile phone number to facilitate drug orders from and supply to customers in the county town;
- Their criminality systematically exploits young and vulnerable persons.

## **Purpose**

The main purpose of this project is to support Plymouth's response to emerging crime and exploitation linked to County Lines by strengthening professionals' understanding and responsiveness, increasing awareness with the public and providing visibility of support services to victims. The violence, vulnerability and exploitation linked to County Lines crosses over with that of Safer Plymouth themes of Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence and Child Sexual Exploitation. The delivery of the County Lines objectives will therefore be closely aligned with the objectives of the related themes.

#### **Objectives:**

- A fuller understanding of Plymouth's current situation in regards to gangs, violence and vulnerability, specifically around: county lines, the internal drug market, local gangs and sexual exploitation.
- Professionals across all sectors and the general public will have increased awareness of county lines and its links to violence, vulnerability and exploitation, and its context within the strategic

- outcomes of the Plymouth Plan, Wellbeing Commissioning Strategy, and Children and Young People Commissioning Strategy.
- Professionals across all sectors will have increased awareness of approaches to identify risk and take action to prevent violence, vulnerability and exploitation of adults, children and young people, leading to increased timely access to early intervention and specialist support as required.
- Professionals across all sectors will have improved meeting and partnership mechanisms for information sharing, identification, early intervention and responding to county lines and its links to violence, vulnerability and exploitation.
- Vulnerable adults and young people will have increased awareness of about the dangers of recruitment into the illegal drugs trade and consequences of involvement, and will know where to go to get help.

## **Safer Plymouth - Crime Statistics**

The crime figures report on the period April 2018 to December 2018 as the latest data available at the time of writing.

Since 2015/16, overall crime numbers have fluctuated but generally shown an increasing trend in Plymouth.

Between April and December 2018, 18,144 crimes were recorded, which is an increase of 4.3% from the number recorded in the same period last year. However, crime rates in Plymouth continue to be low compared to our most similar group (MSG) average; between April 2018 and December 2018, the crime rate in Plymouth was the third lowest out of 15 in our MSG at 68.97 crimes per 1,000 population, compared to an average MSG rate of 81.34.

Crime type	Number of recorded offences in year to date (Apr 18 – Dec 18)	Number of recorded offences in previous year (Apr 17 – Dec 17)	% change	Direction of travel	Plymouth rate per 1,000 population (Apr 18 – Dec 18)	MSG average rate per 1,000 population (Apr 18 – Dec 18)
Domestic abuse (all crimes and incidents)	5,047	4,560	10.7%	Increase	-	-
Rape	253	270	6.3%	Decrease	0.962	0.972
Other sexual offences	522	475	9.9%	Increase	1.984	1.614
Violent crimes (with injury)	2,900	2,560	13.3%	Increase	11.024	8.552
Violent crimes (without injury)	4,641	3,842	20.8%	Increase	17.642	17.281
Serious acquisitive crimes	1,087	1,174	7.4%	Decrease	4.132	7.173
Burglary – residential	532	526	1.1%	Increase	4.867	11.534
Vehicle-related theft	1,058	1,145	7.6%	Decrease	4.022	7.054

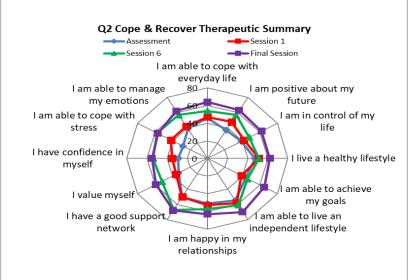
Anti-social behaviour	6,911	7,569	8.7%	Decrease	-	-
Total crimes	18,144	17,402	4.3%	Increase	68.970	81.340

We are continuing to develop and populate a performance scorecard that aligns with the objectives in the Peninsula Strategic Assessment and the make up of the Safer Plymouth delivery groups.

#### **COMMISSIONING**

- Integrated commissioning receives funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner which is channeled through the Western Planning and Delivery Unit (Plymouth City Council and NEW Devon CCG integrated commissioning team) as a grant for spending on local crime prevention and reduction initiatives. For 2018 2019 and 2019 2020, Plymouth has been awarded a total of £400,568 for each year.
- A commissioning plan was created in February 2017 based on the evidence within the strategic crime assessment and feedback from theme leads. The following is a summary of initiatives being commissioned:

#### Service/Project Impact/Outcomes The Plymouth Domestic Abuse Service Outcomes focus on improving the safety of victims and their (PDAS) families and encouraging them to engage with services and ideally move on from an abusive relationship. In the first 6 months April -Provision of accommodation based support September 2018: within a refuge and dispersed units (23 units in total); I:I referrals for support, PDAS received 1,235 referrals with 60% coming from the Independent Domestic Violence Advocates; **Police** Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference 1,042 victims of domestic abuse engaged with the service and co-ordination and DASH training received support (an 85% engagement rate). Re-referral rate is very low at 6% (within 2 years of any previous support) 100% of service users engaging with the service report that they are supported to minimise risk to their selves and others, as well as achieving other positive outcomes. 90% of victims exiting the service do so in a planned way 62 professionals have received DASH risk assessment training The service supported 64 children 65 people attended Freedom and CAST programmes Therapeutic counselling for victims of In the first 6 months of 2018/19: sexual violence 194 people have been supported by this service Ensure that we support victims of sexual violence with access to therapeutic delivered in excess of 400 counselling sessions counselling services and that services users are better able to cope with the experience Outcomes for clients are monitored using a 'cope and they have had and recover from it. recovery' mechanism. Overall across 12 outcomes, experiences for clients remain good and showed positive improvements. The following illustrates the overall progress and distance travelled made by clients completing the programme in the 6 months:



The Harbour Centre provides a community based drugs and alcohol treatment service.

We support the delivery of service for those in contact with the criminal justice system.

Nationally, Drugs and alcohol are identified as two of the key drivers of crime and disorder in the Home Office Modern Crime Prevention Strategy (2016).

Individuals dependent on opioids and/or crack cocaine (OCUs) are responsible for an estimated 45% of acquisitive crime (shoplifting, burglary, vehicle crime and robbery). Around 40% of all violent crimes are alcohol-related. Drug and alcohol misuse are related to other issues such as child protection, impaired driving, anti-social behaviour and domestic abuse.

When engaged in and completing treatment, people use fewer illegal drugs, commit less crime, improve their health, and manage their lives better. This makes a real contribution to community safety.

Public Health monitor our cities outcomes for drugs and alcohol using the nationally agreed measurement of Diagnostic Outcomes Monitoring Executive Summary (DOMES)

Taken form the Plymouth DOMES for Q1 2018:

# I. Proportion of the treatment population in contact with the CJ system

	Plymo	outh QI	National average
	%	(n)	%
Opiate	25.3	313/1236	20.8
Non opiate	10.3	10/97	12.7
Alcohol	8.4	28/333	6.2
Alcohol and Non opiate	7.9	11/139	11.1

**Comment** we have a higher percentage of people in touch with the CJ system than other areas. This reflects both our levels of complexity and the many years of partnership working in the city.

## 2. Successful completions as a proportion of CJ clients of all in treatment

	Plymo	uth QI	National average
	%	(n)	%
Opiate	4.2	13/313	4
Non-opiate	0	0/10	37
Alcohol	21.4	6/28	40.7
Alcohol and non-opiate	27.3	3/11	32.4

**Comment:** Note the small numbers in all categories other than 'opiate' whereby very small changes in numbers can have large percentage effects. The low numbers in these categories relate to patterns of referral from CJ agencies — opiate use is more criminogenic than other forms of drug use and there is a clear relationship between treatment and crime reduction, hence CJ agencies refer cases. For other drugs, eg alcohol, the relationship between treatment and reduced criminality is much less clear and referrals tend to be lower.

## 3. Proportion of CJ clients who successfully completed in the first 6 months in the latest 12 month period and represented within 6 months

	Plymou	ıth QI	National average
	%	(n)	%
Opiate	14.3	1/7	17.2
Non-opiate	0.0	0/0	4.4
Alcohol	0.0	0/3	6.4
Alcohol and non-opiate	0.0	0/2	5.8

**Comment:** In normal circumstances lower percentages equate to better performance in this domain, however, in this quarter our local numbers are so small no meaningful conclusions can be drawn at this stage, statistics are reported cumulatively so as the year progresses we should have a better handle on our actual performance.

Taken from: 'PCC support pack 2018-19: key drug and alcohol data. Summary of area data for Police and Crime Commissioners' PHE publication gateway number: 2017550

Plymouth has a higher than the national prevalence of drug and alcohol dependent people.

#### Our Plymouth service:

- Approx. 20% of all referrals into the service relate to CIS
- Performs better than the national average for waiting times for treatment
- Has a higher than national average engagement rate of prison releases into our service
- Overall, there was a reduction of 44% in the number of individuals who were recorded as re-offending in the two years following the start of treatment and a 33% in the number of offences.
- One year's social and economic return (related to crime, health and social care as well as improvements in qualityadjusted life years) resulting from 2016-17 local investment in drug treatment is 33% return on investment

## Healthy Relationships programme

The Multi Agency Child Sexual Exploitation Group (MACSE) (sub group of the Safeguarding Children's Board) identified a need for quality assured earlier intervention and awareness work with children and young people in relation to CSE.

The Plymouth Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership (sub group of Safer Plymouth) identified the need for earlier intervention and awareness work with children and young people in relation to Domestic Abuse via healthy relationships.

This work draws together these ambitions and the main purpose of the service is to develop a strategic approach to delivery of a 'Healthy Relationships Programme' in schools as an effective way of ensuring children and young people have access to information and skills to make informed decisions on the relationships they experience.

It will ensure an equitable offer to schools and provide quality assurance to the system.

In collaboration with key stakeholders, we commissioned this service in August 2017.

As an early intervention and prevention initiative this programme will ultimately contribute to the long term strategic outcomes as set out in the Plymouth Plan; Wellbeing Commissioning Strategy and CYP Commissioning Strategy:

- Delivering strong and safe communities
- Improvement in health and wellbeing
- People and communities feel safe
- Reducing harm
- Children are protected from sexual exploitation

## Activity delivered:

- An advisory group has been in place to support, challenge and guide the project, including expert consultation from lead education advisors
- A young person's participation group established with engagement and co-design happening alongside the advisory group
- The initial pilot has been completed which has included significant research, scoping of options and young person participation – featuring the young persons animated film and definition of a healthy relationship.
- Direct delivery pilot within two secondary schools, has been completed
- Five schools have piloted a self-assessment audit.
- Over 50 resources have been quality assured by professionals and young people which are now included in the resource bank is growing (a matrix has been developed to support this activity for future use).
- Workforce development for school staff in currently being undertaken which have been coproduced and co-delivered by young people (open to all secondary schools – due to complete April 19)

# Addressing Antisocial Behaviour, low level and emerging crime

Plymouth City Councils Community Connections department works closely with partner agencies identifying/preventing/and responding to ASB and emerging issues. Number of Operations in City targeting reduction of ASB:

Efford Youth Anti-Social Behaviour – In May 2018 following an increase of ASB reports (58% reduction over the previous months) in Efford it was identified via discussions between Councillors, Neighbourhood Policing, Street Scene and Community Connections that there was a lack of youth provision in the area. Funding requested to implement a 3

Enhanced joint working practices have been implemented between police colleagues and Community Connections via a Neighbourhood Problem Solving Group. This links with the police TIMS meetings and allows the early detection of emerging neighbourhood issues and the deployment of early intervention/ prevention activity.

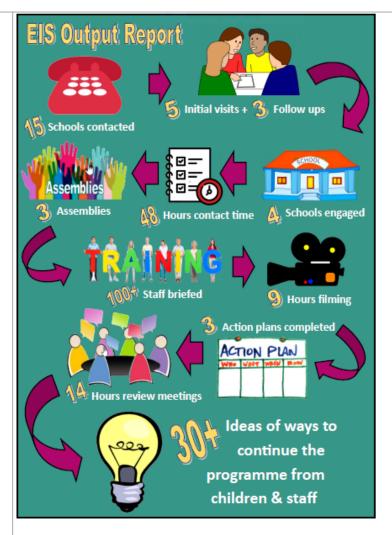
- month provision from Street Games whilst Pop Up youth providers conducted consultation with the young people. During period 30 young people were engaged with, 3 x ASBI's issued which did not progress to ASB2's. In the first month of engagement there were 10 criminal damage offences for the area however in month 2 and 3 there were only 2 per month which is below the average of 6.8 for the locality.
- Motor Bike Offences In September 2018 it was identified that there was a significant increase in motor vehicle offences. Information showed a total 69 offences since the 1st of August 2018. The offences appear random and mostly target motor cycles and Mopeds that are not secured. A number of actions had been undertaken, including identifying target individual's and localised primary tasking to enable patrols to be directed into the vulnerable locations, however the offences persisted. Working in conjunction with other tactical options funding was requested to support a crime prevention initiative. The initiative will purchase 80 chains and locks which will be distributed directly to repeat victims, vulnerable people via a police led community event in conjunction with PCC on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September. At the event it is estimated that over 200 people attended, 110 motorcycle chains were distributed to residents across the city and 14 people were signed up to the Neighbourhood alert.

#### **Prevent**

The programme seeks to raise social and emotional competence and increase empathy amongst children by incorporating themes of: celebrating and valuing local community; understanding different beliefs and diversity and promoting Plymouth as a great place to live and work.

The schools based empathy programme outcomes were:

- Demonstrable change in social and emotional competence and increased empathy amongst children
- Positive changes have been achieved in children's attitudes and behaviours
- Children's understanding of different beliefs and values has improved
- Increased perception of valuing and celebrating local community



A full evaluation report for this project can be found here

#### **WRAP** training:

Plymouth City Council commissioned and delivered 20 WRAP training sessions and offered over 400 places. The training was offered to all Plymouth City Council staff, Maintained Schools, Foster Carers and the VCS; 276 frontline staff were trained.

## **Community Safety Awareness Raising**

The partnership delivers events to improve public awareness of specific issues and available services as well as supporting professional workforce development

We are delivering a co-ordinated plan of activity for the partnership to ensure we raise the profile of our priorities with professionals and the public. The Safer Plymouth Board and Exec, work has focused on the delivery of:

- A Safer Plymouth communications strategy
- A Safer Plymouth events calendar aligned to Safeguarding Boards
- Co-ordination of a key Stakeholder list
- 4 development and training sessions for the Board and key stakeholders
- A series of key message cards have been designed for professionals

Key deliverables have focused on the following campaign's and conferences:

- Domestic Abuse and violence against women and girls 16 days of action 23<sup>rd</sup> November – 10<sup>th</sup> December
- Sexual Violence awareness week 4<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> February including the formal opening of the new purpose built SARC and;

•	Sexual Violence conference 'Improving our responses to
	sexual violence' 6th February 2019

 In progress - Safer Plymouth re-launch with a trauma informed practice conference 19th March 2019

## Regional services supporting Plymouth

Alongside funding for CSPs, the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner supports a number of activities across Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly for 2017/18

- Safeguarding Boards contribution to Childrens and Adults Boards including training and Serious Case Reviews;
- Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs) 3 SARCS cocommissioned with NHSE.
- Sexual Offence Lawyer Provision to introduce a 3 year pilot, based in police stations to improve quality of investigations, experience for the victim and CPS processes.
- Offender Diversion Scheme exploring innovative offender management to lead to longer term behaviour change including a delayed charge and diversion scheme.
- Youth Offending Service aligned with redesign and current transformation of Youth Offending service and preventing and deterring crime offender management model.
- Victim support victim care arrangements such as victim support, network and website and Restorative Justice.